



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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MAY 6, 2002

Corn Planting Ahead of Schedule

Despite periods of rain last week, Maryland farmers had an average of 4.6 **days suitable for field work**, which they used for activities such as planting **corn**. Consequently, 52 percent of the corn crop is planted, 12 percent ahead of the previous week, 15 percent ahead of the previous year, and 15 percent ahead of the five year average. Corn is 20 percent emerged, 15 percent ahead of the previous week, 10 percent ahead of last year, and 15 percent ahead of average.

Some vegetables are also well ahead of the average planting schedule. **Sweet corn** is 50 percent planted, 5 percent ahead of last year, and 11 percent ahead of average. **Snap beans** are 19 percent planted, 8 percent ahead of last year, and 6 percent of the five year average. **Green peas** and **lima beans** are 2 and 3 percent ahead of schedule respectively.

Small grains are in mostly good to excellent condition with **winter wheat** rated 32 percent excellent, 42 percent good, 20 percent fair, and 6 percent poor. **Barley** is rated 31 percent in excellent condition, 49 percent good, 18 percent fair, and 2 percent poor.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Small Grain Development:				
Barley, headed	91	75	66	76
Winter Wheat, headed	54	32	12	25
Tobacco, transplanted	18	3	10	4
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloupes	23	15	30	33
Cucumbers	15	12	23	18
Field Corn	52	40	37	37
Green Peas	95	85	93	93
Lima Beans	5	1	4	2
Snap Beans	19	11	8	13
Soybeans	4	1	7	4
Sweet Corn	50	35	45	39
Tomatoes	39	32	51	45
Watermelons	19	17	18	21
Fruit Crops Blooming:				
Apples	97	84	78	82
Peaches	96	95	95	97
Strawberries	85	62	71	72
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 1 st cutting	13	8	6	9
Alfalfa, 1 st cutting	10	3	5	6

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 5, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	1	23	70	6
Topsoil (2001)	15	33	50	2
Subsoil Moisture	14	38	44	4
Subsoil (2001)	1	18	80	1

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Precipitation and Departures From Normal, Through April 30, 2002

	April 2002		Since January 1, 2002	
County	Precipitation	Departure From Normal	Accumulated Precipitation	Accumulated Departure
Maryland				
Allegany	4.2	1.0	10.1	-0.7
Anne Arundel	3.9	0.6	9.7	-3.1
Baltimore	3.4	-0.2	10.4	-3.2
Calvert	2.8	-0.6	9.7	-3.7
Caroline	3.9	0.6	11.6	-1.7
Carroll	3.1	-0.4	9.7	-2.9
Cecil	3.0	-0.6	10.4	-2.5
Charles	3.9	0.7	9.3	-3.4
Dorchester	3.5	0.2	11.6	-2.4
Frederick	3.4	-0.1	9.8	-2.5
Garrett	5.6	1.6	14.0	0.7
Harford	2.9	-0.9	10.4	-3.1
Howard	3.1	-0.3	9.2	-3.8
Kent	3.7	0.4	10.8	-2.2
Montgomery	3.2	0.1	9.0	-2.9
Prince George's	3.3	0.0	9.3	-3.2
Queen Anne's	3.7	0.4	10.5	-2.6
Somerset	5.3	2.2	13.7	0.1
St. Mary's	3.4	0.1	10.9	-2.5
Talbot	3.0	-0.4	10.5	-3.2
Washington	3.4	0.0	9.3	-2.3
Wicomico	5.0	1.8	13.8	-0.5
Worcester	5.5	2.4	14.6	0.1
Delaware				
New Castle	3.2	-0.3	10.4	-2.4
Kent	4.9	1.4	11.9	-1.6
Sussex	4.3	0.9	11.1	1.4

Source: National Weather Service